

WHAT IS THE
DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN
PANDEMIC FLU AND
SEASONAL FLU?

Pandemic Flu: A Primer

This week we will share the basics about pandemic flu and how it differs from seasonal flu. Stay tuned for the next issue where we will tell you the first step in preparing for pandemic rlu.

SEASONAL FLU:

- Occurs every year; usually during the winter months
- Caused by influenza viruses that are similar to those already affecting people
- Symptoms include fever, cough, runtry nose and muscle pain. Deaths can be caused by complications such as pneumonia
- Primarily affects the very young, the elderly and chronically ill
- Generally has a minor impact on society (e.g., some school closings, people who are sick to stay home)

PANDEMIC FLU:

- Occurs rarely (3 times in the last 100 years)
- Likely to be more severe, affect more people, and cause more deaths
- Symptoms similar to the common flu may be more severe and complications more serious
- Healthy adults may be at increased risk
- A severe pandemic could change the patterns of daily life for some time

on how to prepare yourself, your fainly, and your agency for pandemic flu, leave your name, address, and phone number with the Citizens' Service Bureau at 622-4800. Your request will be forwarded to the Department of Health.



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